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FOR UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM ONLY FROM ANDERSON

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP ON JUNE 4 PARIS CONSULTATION

1. YOU ASKED ME FOR THE REFTEL GIVING THE CITATIONS I REFERRED TO IN OUR MEETING LAST EVENING ON THE INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN OUR STATEMENTS AND OUR ACTIONS. THEY ARE IN RABAT 2462. IN REREADING THIS TELEGRAM AND THE DRAFT PRM'S WE HAVE RECEIVED, WE ARE CONCERNED OVER THE CONTINUING LACK IN THE LATTER DOCUMENTS OF ANY FOCUS ON THE PROBLEM OF REGIONAL DESTABILIZATION. I HOPE YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO REVIEW OUR THOUGHTS ON THIS.

2. ONE OTHER PRIORITY SUBJECT THAT MAY COME UP IN YOUR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 PRM MEETING CONCERNS THE KING'S URGENT REQUEST TO PURCHASE COBRAS (NOT OV-10S) RELAYED TO THE SECRETARY IN NEW YORK BY FOREIGN MINISTER BOUCETTA ON MAY 25, AND THE SECRETARY'S ANSWER THAT WE WOULD RESPOND PROMPTLY (STATE 136040). RABAT 3233 MAY BE HELPFUL IN EXAMINING THIS REQUEST ALONG WITH TWO OTHER LONGSTANDING COMMERCIAL REQUESTS FOR TECHNICAL DATA, AND PRICE AND AVAILABILITY INFORMATION FOR TANKERS AND APCs. THE LAST TWO ITEMS ARE BOGGED DOWN IN WHAT HAS BECOME A VIRTUAL EMBARGO

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ON APPROVING ANY REQUESTS FROM MOROCCO BECAUSE OF OUR OVERALL CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE USE IN THE SAHARA OR IN MAURITANIA, AND, IN THE CASE OF THE TANKERS, ALSO BECAUSE OF RESISTANCE TO INTRODUCTION OF SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT INTO AFRICA. AS OUR TELEGRAM REPORTS, THESE ITEMS, AS WELL AS THE COBRAS ARE NOT, IN OUR JUDGMENT, PLANNED FOR USE IN THE SAHARA OR MAURITANIA.

3. THANKS FOR WORKING ME INTO YOUR ALREADY OVER-CHARGED
SUNDAY. YOUR GUIDANCE WAS INVALUABLE, AND LOOK FORWARD TO A
REVIEW OF THE BIDDING AFTER JUNE 7 SO I CAN QUIETLY TRY TO
MOVE THINGS FORWARD AS YOU SUGGESTED. HAPPILY THE DINNER WAS
SO GREAT I CAN SUBSIST ON BREAD AND WATER FOR THE NEXT THREE
DAYS WHILE I PAY FOR IT. LOVE TO JEAN. BOB.
ANDERSON

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